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ROHIT GIVES INDIA EDGE

Spectators are back. Opener Rohit Sharma did not disappoint them with a classy 161 as India posted 300/6 against England

FANS The second India-England Test is the first international event to allow fans back into the stadium since the pandemic. Though only 50% capacity was allowed, the atmosphere was electrifying

TOSS India opted for a turner to take the toss out of the equation. Luck went Virat Kohli's way this time and the hosts chose to bat. With 300 on board, they were comfortably placed on Day One

PARTNERSHIP Two batsmen under pressure — Rohit Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane — steered India out of trouble with a 162-run stand for the fourth wicket. Rahane scored a patient 67 before getting out

PITCH Although it doesn't resemble a dust bowl, run scoring is getting harder with the top layer already showing signs of breaking up. If England crumble, the match could be over in less than 5 days

Rohit Sharma scored a classy 161 on the first day of the second Test in Chennai on Saturday | BCCI | P19

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THIS IS THE FIRST TIME KOHLI HAS BEEN DISMISSED FOR DUCK BY A SPINNER

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Villages in Honnavar 'missing'; change in national border raises hackles

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WHERE have the villages and hamlets in Honnavar gone? This is the question local residents and Central Government officials are now asking the State Government.

The discrepancy was noticed when coastal zonal management officials were assessing the maps to chalk out the coastal zonal regulations and found Survey No. 305 at Honnavar port area in Karwar missing from records. It has also caught the attention of Survey of India, which has shot off a letter to the Uttara Kannada Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, questioning the wrong depiction of the Indian coastline.

Acting on a complaint raised by local residents, the Survey of India has pointed out that borders of coastline villages -- Pavinkurva, Karki, Mallukurva and Kasarkod villages in Honnavar taluk –have been altered by the Uttar Kannada district administration and revenue maps too have been changed. The letter states that any change in the coastline or coastal border is against the coastal zone management plan maps, which were approved in 2018. It has sought the relevant maps at the earliest from the State Government.

The land in question accounts for 44 hectares which is part of the Sagarmala project to improve ports in the country. "Alterations to coastal boundaries will have an impact on international boundaries. So, tracing the boundaries is all the more crucial. The ministry of defence too will get involved as there is an order that no coastal boundary can be altered," said a surveyor.

> *It is difficult to believe that a survey number is missing. It could be an additional land being added or getting washed away due to soil erosion*
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> – Harish Kumar K, Deputy Commissioner, Uttar Kannada (since transferred)

He said that the missing area came to light when they were comparing the existing maps with the base maps of the revenue department. "The base maps showed Survey Number 305, which is missing in the recent revenue maps. The area was, however, part of the coastal zoning map when the regulations were decided," he added.

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Combative Nirmala: Rahul a 'Doomsday man'

'Ex-Cong chief insulting Constitutional bodies'

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@ New Delhi

IN a scathing counter-attack on Rahul Gandhi for his relentless targeting of the government over the farm laws and the LAC standoff with China, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday dubbed the former Congress president "Doomsday man for India".

During her reply to the Budget discussion in the Lok Sabha, Sitharaman said the former Congress chief was constantly insulting constitutional functionaries and institutions, betraying a lack of belief in a democratically elected parliamentary system. He had joined the "break India fringe group" and was continuously creating false narratives to demean India, the minister alleged.

The Congress "makes allegations, uses abusive language, but when under parliamentary procedure they have to respond to... they only shout and walk out", the minister added.

Responding to the allegations of the government promoting crony capitalism, she asserted that the *Hum Do, Hamare Do* jibe that Gandhi had been taking on the government was more apt for his family. "In banks, you did phone banking and left huge NPAs. This is one tendency, create institutions and use them for *Hum Do Hamare Do* and at the end of the day keep accusing others" said a combative Sitharaman.

POWER SYNCED

A Kambala jockey and his buffaloes dash to the finish line, during the annual race at Vamanjoor near Mangaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN, P5

40 NURSING STUDENTS TEST POSITIVE IN B'LURU

Health officials confirmed that most of them hail from Kerala. The State Government has now mandated that all students coming to study in Bengaluru's educational institutions must carry a negative Covid-19 test certificate, not older than 72 hours. Also, mass testing camps will be conducted at all nursing and medical colleges in the city | P3

21-yr-old activist 'picked up' in B'luru for Greta 'toolkit'

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IN a closely-guarded operation, the Delhi police special cell on Saturday reportedly 'picked' up Disha Ravi -- a young student climate activist and one of the founders of 'Fridays For Future' (FFF) campaign -- from North Bengaluru for questioning for allegedly disseminating the 'toolkit' related to farmer protests in Delhi through social media sites, said sources.

According to highly-placed sources, Disha (21) was 'picked' up from her house in Soladevanahalli. She is the co-founder of FFF – a global climate strike movement that started in August 2018, when internationally-known teenaged **Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg** began a school strike for climate – in Bengaluru. Bengaluru police remained tightlipped about the operation.

Disha, a Bachelor of Business Administration graduate from Mount Carmel College, is working as a culinary experience manager with Good Mylk company. She was working from home when she was picked up, sources said. Her father is an athletics coach in Mysuru, while mother is a housewife.

The cybercrime special cell of the Delhi Police had registered a First Information Report (FIR) on February 4 on charges of sedition, criminal conspiracy and promoting hatred among groups under Sections 124A, 120A and 153 A of the Indian Penal Code against the "creators" of a 'toolkit' on farmer protests, which was shared by Thunberg. The 18-year-old had deleted the original tweet but had subsequently tweeted another toolkit.

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A huge gathering at Shaheen Bagh in New Delhi | FILE

Right to protest anywhere is not absolute, says SC

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@ New Delhi

REITERATING that prolonged protests can't be at the cost of continued occupation of public spaces as they affect the rights of others, the Supreme Court has dismissed the review petitions challenging its October 2020 verdict on the Shaheen Bagh protests.

A bench of justices S K Kaul, Aniruddha Bose and Krishna Murari rejected the plea filed by 12 persons seeking a review of its October 2020 verdict, which held public spaces can't be occupied indefinitely. "(The) constitutional scheme comes with a right to protest and express dissent but with an obligation to have certain duties. The right to protest can't be anytime and everywhere. There may be some spontaneous protests but in case of prolonged protest, there can't be continued occupation of public place," the bench held. P10

42 IAS officers shifted; Thrilok to be Health Commissioner

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IN a major reshuffle, the State Government transferred 42 IAS officers on Saturday. This is the highest number of IAS officers being transferred since B S Yediyurappa took over as Chief Minister in 2019.

Senior officer Dr K V Thrilok Chandra has been appointed as the new commissioner of Karnataka Health, Family Welfare and Ayush Services. Earlier, he was also heading the Covid-19 Critical Care Support Committee. With this, high-profile Pankaj Kumar Pandey, who was holding the post of Health and Family Welfare Commissioner, has been relieved of his post.

Tushar Girinath, Principal Secretary, Cooperation Department, has been transferred as Principal Secretary, Urban Development. Dr J Ravishankar, who was holding the position, has been transferred to the Kannada and Culture Department. Rashmi Mahesh, who was Secretary to Kannada and Culture Department, has been transferred to Backward Classes Welfare Department.

The major reshuffle also saw changes in deputy commissioners of many districts. Mandya DC MV Venkatesh has been appointed as Commissioner for Watershed Development, Chikkamagaluru DC Bagadi Gautham will now be Additional Commissioner for Commercial Taxes (Enforcement), Raichur DC R Venkatesh Kumar has been transferred to Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board, Kalaburgi, Bengaluru Urban DC GN Shivamurthy will hold the post of Commissioner for Cane Development and Director for Sugar.

SEVERAL DCs MOVED

Tumakuru DC K Rakesh Kumar is transferred to Tourism Dept as Director, and Kolar DC C Sathyabhama too has been shifted. Chamarajanagar DC Ravi MR, Uttara Kannada DC K Harish Kumar and Bengaluru Rural DC P M Ravindra too have been moved.

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Working to provide justice to all: CM

Bengaluru: Amid growing clamour for reservation in government jobs and other sectors by various communities, Karnataka CM B S Yediyurappa on Saturday said he has been making a sincere effort towards justice for all. "Being the Chief Minister of the state, it's my responsibility to provide justice to all," he told reporters at the Mysuru airport. P6

Nod for J-K reorganisation bill

New Delhi: A bill to merge the Jammu and Kashmir cadre of all-India services officers with the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre was passed by Lok Sabha on Saturday by a voice vote. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2021 has already been passed by Rajya Sabha. P10